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1. SUMMARY: LAST FOURTEEN SPEAKERS IN DEBATE ON SITUATION
IN MIDDLE EAST MADE STATEMENTS IN GA PLENARY DEC 8, MOST
SUPPORTING RESUMPTION OF GENEVA CONFERENCE. VOTE WILL BE
TAKEN DEC 9 AFTER SEVERAL VOTE EXPLANATIONS, INCLUDING BY
US. END SUMMARY.

2. CONCLUDING STATEMENTS IN MIDDLE EAST DEBATE WERE MADE DEC 8
BY PAKISTAN, UGANDA, MOROCCO, SENEGAL, NORWAY, GHANA, FINLAND,
AFGHANISTAN, SPAIN, AUSTRIA, HAITI, KENYA, IRAQ, AND NIGERIA.
US IS LISTED ALONG WITH 6 OR 7 OTHERS TO SPEAK DEC 9 IN
EXPLANATION OF VOTE BEFORE THE VOTE. EGYPTIAN RESOLUTION
(A/31/L.27) HAS BEEN REVISED AS ANTICIPATED IN USUN 5963 BY
INCLUSION OF REFS TO CO-CHAIRMEN OF MIDDLE EAST PEACE
CONFERENCE IN OPERATIVE PARAS 1(A) AND 2.

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3. VIRTUALLY ALL SPEAKERS FAVORED EARLY RESUMPTION OF PEACE EFFORTS, PREFERABLY THROUGH RECONVENING OF GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE. PAKISTAN, UGANDA, AND MOROCCO EMPHASIZED PALESTINIAN RIGHTS AND SENEGAL DWELT AT LENGTH ON ISRAELI PRACTICES IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WHILE URGING PLO PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA.

4. STRESSING ITS UNSWERVING SUPPORT FOR PRINCIPLES OF SC RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338, NORWAY (ALGARD) ALSO THOUGHT NO FINAL SETTLEMENT POSSIBLE WITHOUT PALESTINIAN SOLUTION. WHILE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT LIES WITH PARTIES, HE SAID OUTSIDE POWERS, ESPECIALLY SC PERMANENT MEMBERS AND CO-CHAIRMAN OF GENEVA CONFERENCE, ALSO BORE GREAT RESPONSIBILITY. HOW PALESTINIANS WERE BROUGHT INTO NEGOTIATING PROCESS WAS MATTER FOR NEGOTIATION, IN HIS VIEW, BUT ALL PARTIES SHOULD BE WILLING TO MODIFY PREVIOUS ATTITUDES. HE URGED RESTRAINT, ESPECIALLY IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES BUT ALSO SAID ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL SHOULD BE VIEWED IN CONJUNCTION WITH OVERALL SOLUTION. FINLAND (KARHILO) SPOKE IN SIMILAR VEIN, EMPHASIZING SETTLEMENT COULD COME ONLY FROM CONSTRUCTIVE NEGOTIATIONS BASED ON SC RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 BUT THAT PEACE POSSIBLE ONLY IF NATIONAL INTERESTS OF PALESTINIANS FULFILLED, INCLUDING RIGHT TO NATIONAL SELF-DETERMINATION. PRESENT IMPASSE CAN ONLY LEAD TO INCREASED TENSIONS AND COULD HAVE VERY SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES, HE STATED IN EXPRESSING HOPE FOR CONSTRUCTIVE STEPS WITHOUT DELAY.

5. GHANA ALSO SUPPORTED RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 BUT URGED RESUMPTION OF GENEVA CONFERENCE WITH PARTICIPATION OF PLO. AFGHANISTAN EMPHASIZED PALESTINE ASPECTS OF QUESTION AND SPAIN SUPPORTED PALESTINIAN RIGHTS AND END OF OCCUPATION. AUSTRIA MADE BALANCED STATEMENT SIMILAR TO NORWEGIAN, STATING ONLY NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT COULD LEAD TO SOLUTION BUT EXPRESSING ANXIETY THAT TALKS RESUME AT EARLY DATE IN FRAMEWORK THAT TAKES ACCOUNT OF LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS. OTHER PROCEDURES MIGHT BE POSSIBLE, BUT HE THOUGHT RECONVENING OF GENEVA CONFERENCE SHOULD BE TRIED IN FIRST INSTANCE, PERHAPS COMBINED WITH INFORMAL CONTACTS.

6. HAITI SUPPORTED ISRAELI DRAFT RESOLUTION (L.24) AS INDICATED

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CATING WILLINGNESS OF ISRAELIS TO COME TO AGREEMENT WITH NEIGHBORS, WHILE KENYA SUPPORTED GENEVA RESUMPTION WITH PLO PARTICIPATION AND CONTINUATION OF SYG'S GOOD OFFICES. IRAQ EMPHASIZED DANGER OF CURRENT SITUATION -- A THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY -- AND CASTIGATED US SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL AND SOUTH AFRICA WHICH HE CLAIMED THREATENS TO CREATE ANOTHER ARMED CONFLICT IN ME. "WE MUST PUT AN END" TO THIS SUPPORT, HE DECLARED.

7. IN NONPOLEMICAL SPEECH, NIGERIA (HARRIMAN) MADE QUITE EFFECTIVE CASE FOR ARAB POINT OF VIEW IN EXPRESSING HOPE GENEVA CONFERENCE WOULD RECONVENE SOON. HE ASSERTED ARABS HAD MOVED FROM POSITION OF NO DIALOGUE WITH ISRAEL TO ONE OF CALLING FOR TALKS WITH ISRAEL AND THOUGHT RECENT EGYPTIAN, SYRIAN, AND PLO STATEMENTS INDICATED THEY WERE CLOSING NO OPTIONS. HE THOUGHT RESOLUTION 338 BY CALLING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 242 THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN "PARTIES CONCERNED" IMPLIED PARTICIPATION OF PLO. MOREOVER, PARTIES, IN HIS VIEW, BY SHOWING WILLINGNESS TO ATTEND PEACE CONFERENCE IMPLICITLY ACCEPTED END TO BELLIGERENCY, WHICH HE ALSO THOUGHT WAS IMPLICIT IN ACCEPTANCE OF RESOLUTION 242.
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